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Mr. William Booker
Acting Area Manager
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Henry Mountain Resource Area
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Hanksville, Utah 84734

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Activities, Garold K. Horrocks, Rocky Ridge #1, S/055/015, Wayne County, Utah

Dear Mr. Booker:

Thank you for forwarding the notice of intention to commence mining operations for Garold K. Horrocks and Joseph M. Macdonald's Rocky Ridge #1 project, located in Sections 21 and 22, T27S, R3E, Wayne County, Utah.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining regulates mining activities on all lands in the state. There are some concerns we have with this notice that need to be resolved before we can accept the notice as being complete.

- (1) The notice states that ore will be milled off site on private property. Where is this private property located in relationship to the mining area? A separate notice will probably be required for the mill site as well.
- (2) How much disturbance is associated with the mill site?
- (3) Your notice indicates that topsoil will be taken from private property for reclamation purposes. Again, where is this private property located? Is this topsoil borrow area located at the mill site?
- (4) How much area will be disturbed to obtain topsoil from the borrow area? Because this topsoil borrow area is tied directly to the reclamation of the mine site, the associated private land disturbance will also need to be reclaimed.

The Division's neighboring sites policy requires separate mining-related disturbances, created by the same operator, but located within a two mile radius from one another, to be considered/permitted as one operation. The operator states that 4.75 acres will be cleared to facilitate a portal area. If the mill site and topsoil borrow area are located within a two mile



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radius of each other, the composite surface disturbance will probably exceed the 5 acres cutoff for a small mining operation. A small mining operation may not exceed the 5 acre threshold before receiving Division approval of a large mining notice and posting the appropriate reclamation surety amount.

We will forward a small mining notice of intention and also a large mining notice to intention to the operator. We will require this supplemental information before we can accept this notice.

Thank you for your help in resolving this permitting issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Wayne Hedberg".

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosures: mr-lmo & mr-smo

cc: Garold K. Horrocks, operator
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